

Our Town

"This building at 221 S. Brooks St. was the original Town Hall. Then it housed the Planning and Inspections Department, and now the Police Department is using it. **This Place Matters** because for many years it was our office! A lot of our lives were spent here and many of the town's plans and programs were developed here."

~Agnes Wanman, Sr. Planner

TOWN of WAKE FOREST

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2012

Search police records and accident reports online

The Wake Forest Police Department has implemented SunGard Public Sector's OSSI Police-to-Citizen (P2C). Accessible at <http://p2c.wakeforestnc.gov/p2c>, P2C permits citizens to view police records and daily bulletins, search for specific incidents, and access arrest records, including mug shots.

"The P2C system entirely changes the way we are able to share information," said Police Chief Jeff Leonard. "We are very excited about the benefits it offers both our citizens and the police department."

Incidents and arrests that are considered public records may be searched by name, date, or location. After a result is returned, users may then plot the results on a map.

Citizen Q&A:

Q: What is the procedure for speaking before the board of commissioners? Can anyone speak?

A: Any person may speak before the board about any concern. There are two parameters: you must sign up with the town clerk before the meeting, and your topic cannot be something that is on the agenda that evening. To sign up, contact Town Clerk Deeda Harris at (919) 435-9410, or dharris@wakeforestnc.gov.

Town Hall and other administrative offices will be closed on Monday, Jan. 16 in observation of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday.

This place MATTERS

Is there a particular place in Wake Forest that tugs at your heart, holds special meaning, or evokes fond memories? Perhaps a special store in which you enjoyed shopping as a child, a church where you and your family worshipped, or the school where you learned to read and write? Maybe there's simply an old building or landmark that you particularly like and appreciate.

Show us the places that matter

If there are such places around town that hold special meaning for you, then here's your chance to send us photos of those "places" and tell us your story of why they matter!

The Wake Forest Historic Preservation Commission is launching a "This Place Matters" photo-sharing campaign in which people take photos of themselves in local places that hold personal significance. The initiative is patterned after the program of the same name that was introduced by the National Trust for Historic Preservation in 2008.

Lt. B. Mote (fifth from left) and the Planning Department staff value the brick building that has served as an office (also pictured above).

■ Download and print the "This Place Matters" sign at wakeforestnc.gov/thisplacematters.aspx;

■ Take a digital photograph of yourself or others holding the sign in places in Wake Forest that matter most to you;

■ Email your photographs and a short explanation of why the places matter to you to thisplacematters@wakeforestnc.gov.

The photographs, which should be no larger than 2MB in size, will be compiled and displayed in slide-show format on the Town's website.

For more details, visit wakeforestnc.gov/thisplacematters.aspx or call Agnes Wanman at (919) 435-9516.

2012 State of the Town Address



Mayor Vivian Jones will deliver her 2012 State of the Town Address on Monday, Feb. 20, at 6 p.m.,

during the Fourth Annual State of the Town Address and Dinner. Presented by the Wake Forest Rotary Club, the event will be held at Tuxedo Junction in downtown Wake Forest. The public is invited to attend.

Tickets are \$15 per person and can be purchased at town hall, the chamber of commerce or online at wakeforestnc.gov/marketplace.aspx.

The address will be rebroadcast on Community Channel 10 during the month of March. It will also be available in streaming video at wakeforestnc.gov/2012stateofthetown.aspx.



Urban Forestry Board seeks nominations for Green Medal Awards

The Wake Forest Urban Forestry Board is requesting nominations for the 2012 Green Medal Awards of Excellence. The awards will recognize individuals and groups that have been instrumental in local tree issues and projects. Awards will be presented in the following categories:

Civic - Awarded to an individual, civic club, or organization that has shown outstanding service, education, tree planting, or other volunteer-based work.

Corporate - Awarded to a company or business which exhibits a pattern of commitment to the environment, or which has made a significant contribution to the urban forest through an internal education program, a self-initiated tree planting or other outreach project.

Program or Project - Designed to honor a program or project which promotes good urban forestry or environmental practice.

Community Forester - This award is intended to honor a lifetime or career of excellence in urban forestry.

Nomination forms are available online at wakeforestnc.gov/parksrecreation_urbanforestry_greenmedalawards.aspx and at town hall. For more information, contact Evan Keto at (919) 435-9565 or eketo@wakeforestnc.gov.



Spring athletic league registration

The Wake Forest Parks & Recreation Department will accept registration forms for spring leagues on the following dates:

- Youth baseball, softball, and t-ball registration: Feb. 1-29
- Youth Dream League baseball registration: Feb. 1-29
- Men's softball league registration: Feb. 1-29
- Church softball league registration (men): Mar. 1-30
- Church softball league registration (co-rec): May 1-31

For more information, visit wakeforestnc.gov/parksrecreation.aspx or call (919) 435-9560.

Historic Preservation Workshop ~ Jan. 12

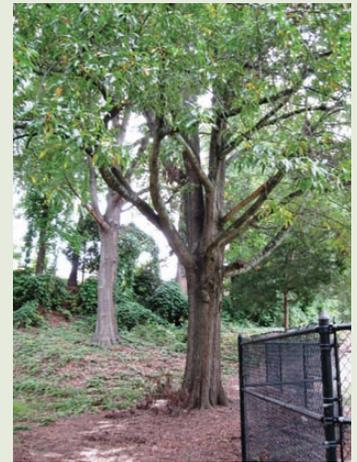
You're invited to offer your opinion concerning preservation activities in Wake Forest. Let your ideas and priorities be known on Thursday, Jan. 12, 7-9 p.m. at the Ledford Center, 113 N. Wingate St. For more information, contact Agnes Wanman, Town Historic Preservation Planner at (919) 435-9516 or awanman@wakeforestnc.gov.

A new beginning for an old tree

Town accepting design ideas for tree sculpture contest

Because of internal decay, the Parks & Recreation Department must remove a large willow oak tree in Holding Park. The trunk of the

tree, however, is in good condition. Rather than remove the trunk, the department would like to have it sculpted into a work of public art.



Residents are invited to submit their ideas as part of a contest to determine the design of the sculpture. The winning design will be selected by the Board of Directors of Wake Forest ARTS, a non-profit organization that promotes and coordinates arts and cultural activities in the community.

Once the winning submission has been selected, a local tree sculptor will transform the base of the tree into a work of art to be enjoyed by residents and visitors for years to come. The winner will be honored at the Town's annual Arbor Day celebration on March 15, 2012, and his or her name will be included on a plaque commemorating the completed sculpture.

Entry forms and additional details are available at Town Hall, 301 S. Brooks St., and on the Town's website at wakeforestnc.gov/parksrecreation_urbanforestry.aspx.

Designs can be created by computer or by hand, using pencil, marker, or paint. They must be no larger than the trunk, which is 30 inches in diameter and up to 10 feet tall, with a minimum of a six-inch

It's official: town hall is green

Wake Forest Town Hall has been awarded LEED Platinum Certification, the highest level attainable by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC). Wake Forest Town Hall is one of only a few municipal facilities in the United States to achieve LEED Platinum status. For a complete list of the sustainable features incorporated into the building, visit www.wakeforestnc.gov/newtownhall.aspx.

Ongoing Events

JANUARY & FEBRUARY

Wake Forest Farmers Market

Winter market schedule:

**Saturday, Jan 21 and Feb 18
10 am-Noon**

Depot parking lot, 110 S. White St.
www.wakeforestmarket.org
(919) 671-9269

Art After Hours

Fri, Jan 13 and Fri, Feb 10; 5-9 pm

Downtown Wake Forest

Art openings, live music, free horse & carriage rides (weather permitting). Wake Forest DRC
(919) 570-1372.

For a full listing of community events, visit www.wakeforestnc.gov/communitycalendar.aspx.

Your Government

Board of Commissioners Work Session

First Tuesday | 5:30 pm
Town Hall Board Room

Planning Board Meetings

First Tuesday | 7:30 pm
Town Hall Board Room

Board of Commissioners Meetings

Third Tuesday | 7:00 pm
Town Hall Board Room

- Watch meetings live on Community Channel 10.
- Watch re-broadcasts of meetings on Community Channel 10 at 9 am, 3 pm and 9 pm daily for up to two weeks after the meeting.
- Watch meetings live or on-demand in streaming video: www.wakeforestnc.gov/Government/boardofcommissioners.aspx.

Have agendas delivered directly to your inbox. Sign up at: www.wakeforestnc.gov/enotifier.aspx.

The new board was sworn in Tuesday, Dec. 20. Their contact information is as follows:

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A NOTEWORTHY NUMBER:

Public Works collected 530 tons of yard waste and leaves from the streets of Wake Forest during the month of November.

The willow oak behind Holding Park Pool will be transformed into a work of public art by a wood sculptor.



uncarved portion at the bottom of the tree. Templates are available at town hall and on the website.

The design should be appropriate for a public park environment, and should enhance the view from Holding Park Pool and the Community House. A few examples of appropriate themes include aquatics, nature, and community. Designs should try to use as much of the tree as reasonable. This reduces the amount of wood that is wasted, and ensures that the tree will dry more evenly and suffer less from splitting.

All entries must be received no later than Tuesday, Jan. 31.

For more information, contact Evan Keto at (919) 435-9565 or eketo@wakeforestnc.gov.



UDO will raise expectations and help fulfill community's vision

Ever wonder why things get built like they do, especially if they don't seem to look or function like you think they should? In most communities, don't blame the developers—it's usually the fault of some deficiency in the development rules themselves.

In Wake Forest, the Town has long struggled with development rules, known as the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO), that are outdated, confusing, and oftentimes contrary to the vision of the community. In fact, everything that has been built in the past 30 years—for good or for bad—has used a rulebook specifying, often to great lengths, the elements required for each new building, parking lot, and subdivision.

The comprehensive overhaul of the Town's Unified Development Ordinance currently underway represents one of the key implementing strategies towards fulfilling the vision of the 2010 Community Plan. It will establish a new rulebook that will encourage walkable, mixed-use development; beautiful, tree-lined neighborhood streets; a vibrant downtown; attractive shopping areas; and open space that is valued, protected, useable and accessible.

In addition, the new UDO will clarify the development process for everyone involved—developers, contractors, builders, tenants, and homeowners—ensuring a more predictable climate for growth and change.

The new UDO has been prepared to make everything easy to find,

including graphics, tables, and images to help clarify the rules and expectations. There will be a simplified use table, new standards for architectural design, and clear supplemental use requirements that will reduce the reliance on unpredictable Special Use Permits.

Landscaping standards will protect the town's tree canopy. And finally, the new requirements will encourage energy efficient design and environmentally sustainable neighborhoods and development.

The UDO requirements will establish a new set of rules that will raise the expectations for developers and assist in fulfilling the community's vision. It is hoped that these new rules will help to forge a more pedestrian-friendly, mixed-use, and sustainable future for the Town of Wake Forest.

—*Craig Lewis, AICP, LEED AP, CNU-A*
Lawrence Group

Public meetings for UDO

Informational meetings will be held on Thursday, Mar. 1 at town hall at 10:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. The Town's consultant is scheduled to give a short presentation and the planning department staff will be available to answer questions.

See the Community Plan

The 274-page Community Plan is the guiding force for the Town Board regarding future development and redevelopment. Download the plan at wakeforestnc.gov/communityplan.aspx or view the plan at town hall.

Loose leaf collection updates

Due to the overwhelming volume of leaves throughout Wake Forest, the Town's loose leaf collection occasionally runs behind schedule. Regular updates are posted at: wakeforestnc.gov/residents/publicworks_leafcollection.aspx.



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www.gettag.mobi

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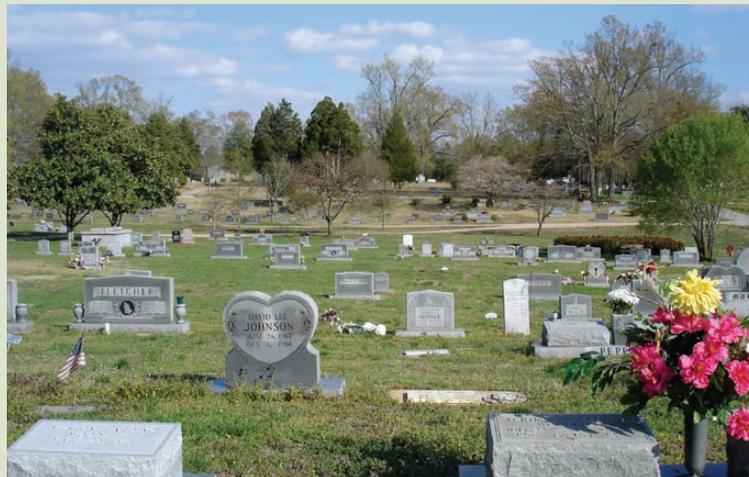
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Sign up for both electronic services at www.wakeforestnc.gov/communications.aspx.

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Family research made easier



Town's burial records now available online

Family members, friends, and others with an interest in researching family histories can now access the Town of Wake Forest's more than 2,100 burial records by visiting the new online burial record search service located on the Town's website.

According to Public Works & Utilities Director Mike Barton, this free, public service is a byproduct of Wake Forest's recent efforts to digitize its cemetery and burial records—a project that a growing number of public and privately-owned cemeteries across the country are undertaking in an effort to preserve precious vital records and serve the general



Wake Forest Cemetery records date back to the mid-1800s

public's growing interest in genealogy research. To access the records, go to: wakeforestnc.gov/residents/publicworks_cemetery.aspx.

Save the date for the 2012 Historic Wake Forest Cemetery Walking Tour scheduled for Saturday, May 12 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Wake Forest Cemetery, N. White Street.

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